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GOTHAM OR FRISCO?

Anything to Beat Chicago the Cry of the Democrats.

New Yorkers Want It, but are Friendly to California.

Richard Croker Bids President and Mrs. Cleveland Good-By as They Start or Their Trip to Florida-The Men from the Golden State Have Been Doing Some Excellent Missionary Work and Claim that They Have 24 Votes, Which Would Give Them the Convention.

ISPECIAL TO THE WORLD. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-With the arrival of a dozen or more New Yorkers at the Arling ton the headquarters of the Empire State delegation has taken a livelier aspect.

Richard Croker and several of the Tammany braves rose early this morning and spent an hour or so in conference, arranging the plan of the campaign.

Later Mr. Croker slipped away quietly, and taking a cab for the Baltimore and Potomac depot, arrived in time to shake hands with the President and Mrs. Cleveland before the special train pulled out on its journey to

New York stock is rising this morning, but the formidable rivalry of San Francisco is generally recognized.

As a result of this state of affairs a tacit understanding has been effected under which New York will throw her entire strength for the Golden Gate if the delegation shall determine that the convention cannot be taken to the metropolis.

" It is anything to best Chicago," said Mr. Croker this morning. "There is nothing to be gained by going there, and much that may be lost."

The San Francisco people are jubilant. They have been " laying pipe" for several months, but the result of their thorough missionary work is surprising even to them. At noon to-day they claim 24 votes, enough

to secure the convention on the first ballot. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The train with the Presidential party on board left the city by the Pennsylvania and Atlantic coast lines at 11.45 this morning, bound for Jacksonville, Fla., where the President will formally announce the opening of the Sub-Tropical Ex-

The train will stop at Savannah to allow the party to take a drive-through the city. The party consists of President and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, Col. and Mrs. D. S. Lamont, Sinclair, the President's valet, and Mrs. Cleveland's maid.

JENNIE OSBORNE'S FRIEND.

Charles LaRue Left Danbury, Conu., Yesterday for Parts Unknown. SPECIAL TO THE WORLD!

DANBURY, Conn., Feb. 21.-Charles LaRue, alias George Haskell, mentioned in the despatches from Easton, Pa., in this morning's papers as the friend of wayward Jennie Osborne, is proprietor of one of the leading jewelry establishments on Main street. jeweiry establishments on Main street.

He left here yesterday, ostensibly to visit his wife, who is sick in New Haven, leaving word that he would be back this morning, but as yet he has failed to materialize and no information as to his whereabouts can be had at his store.

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Miss Osborne first met him while here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles M. Stevens, of No. 7 Ellsworth avenue, last September.

Miss Osborne knew him as Haskell until she pointed him out to Mrs. Stevens one day, and she at once recognized him as Mr. LaRue.

Mrs. Stevens states that he was very attentive to Jennie while she was here and gave her several costly presents.

GRAFF, BENNETT & CO. HAVE FAILED.

A Break in the Natural Gas Stock Market-Assets \$800,000, Linbilities Unknown.

ISPECIAL TO THE WORLD. Preranuac, Feb. 21.-Graff, Bennett & Co. iron manufacturers, have filed a deed of assignment to P. H. Miller. The failure was unexpected and the report broke the natural gas stock market 1-5 to 1/2 per cent.

The firm failed in 1888, but was granted an extension, and since that time has paid two-thirds of its liabilities.

The present failure was caused by too great an extension of plant. Assets, \$800,000; lia-bilities unknown.

Where Surgeons Disagree.

Prederick Spitz, a frame manufacturer, of 83 East Broadway, was charged, at the Essex Market Court to-day, with being concerned in a case of malpractice, of which Henrietta Swimmer was the patient. His counsel denied the charge and said that while an ambulance surgeon of Bellevue said that there had been malpractice House-Surgeon Clark Wright said there had not. Spits was temporarily held. If there has been malpractice Justice Patterson will issue warrants against a physician and a midwife,

Accusing the Commissioner of Assault. Timothy J. Scully, janitor of the First Ward Public School of Long Island City, got a warrant to-day for the arrest of School Commissioner Joseph Peisel, on a charge of assaulting him after a meeting of the Board.

Killed Himself in Central Park. Conrad Murker, aged forty-five years, comm suicide by shooting himself in the head with a 82canbre revolver in Central Park opposite Sixty-eighth street to-day. His body was removed to the

Condemning the Evictions. The members of Progressive Painters' Union No. I have condemned the eviction of the tenants of Jacoby & Bookman and Kerbs & Spices, and have agreed to smoke only union-made eigers.

THE new three-card folders inclosed in each box of TURKISH CROSS-CUT CROARSTERS is a rare and valuable acquisition, combining portraits of rulers, "coat of arms and flag of every nation," three different subjects in each box. "."

TELLING OF CASHIER BARRON'S MURDER. nd Day of the Trial of Stain and Crem well at Bangor.

ISPECIAL TO THE WORLD. BANGOR, Me., Feb. 21.-The forenoon o the second day's trial of Stain and Cromwell for the mysterious murder of Treasurer Barron, of the Dexter Savings Bank, was occupied by witnesses, who told of the finding of the dead man in the vaults of the bank.

The court-room was crowded as it was yesterday, and many were unable to gain admis-



DAVE STAIN.

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The prisoners listened with painfully acute attention.

The government is spending a great deal of time in showing in detail the finding of the body of Mr. Barron, as it is understood that the defense will make a frantic attempt to show that the bank treasurer committed suicide and no murder was done at all.

Fourteen of the Dexter Bank officials have been summoned by Stain and Cromwell and they will try to get the prisoners acquitted.

If this is attempted the government will call many old and prominent bankers in Maine to show the suspicious dealings of the Dexter Bank people and make apparent the reason why they are anxious not to have the prisoners convicted.

STRIKE AT THE PUBLIC STORES.

Freight-Handlers Quit Work to Settle Question of Overtime.

Barrels, boxes and bales of merchandise are piled high about the United States public stores in Washington street this morning, the handlers having struck about a question of overtime.

Last November overtime was abolished and

Last November overtime was abolished and
the men were divided into two gangs, each
to relieve the other. The change has not
been satisfactory to the men.
On Saturday last one gang were kept at
work until 1 a. m. on Sunday and then were
asked to report again at Monday noon. This,
the men claim, was a violation of their contract. They all left in a body to-day, and
have sent a committee, consisting of Michael
Murphy, Patrick Connors and John Foley, to
Collector Magone to state their side of the
question.

A notice signed by Collector Magone to the effect that all men who worked up to 4 P. M. yesterday would be reinstated upon application was ridiculed by the men to-day.

The work at the stores is about five days behind.

MARBLE-WORKERS ON STRIKE.

Ordered Out to Help Their Locked-Out Brethren in Boston.

Seventy-five union marble-workers employed by Battersea & Iseley, in Eleventh avenue, are on strike to-day because the firm is using material received from James W.
Tufts and the Puffer Manufacturing Company, of Boston. The strike was ordered by
the marble-workers' unions to aid their
locked-out Boston brethren.

A delegation of the latter are in this city. A delegation of the latter are in this city. There are between six hundred and seven hundred hands locked out in Boston because they demanded nine hours as a day's work instead of ten. Boston marble-cutters received an average wages of \$15.07 a week, and polishers, rubbers and gangmen got \$10.43. These figures are from 20 to 40 per cent. less than the similar workers in this city obtain for fifty-four hours work in a week. The Boston manufacturers are thus enabled to do work cheaper than New York firms.

News About the Workers.

on saturday night, March &l.

William W. Klingenberg, of the Custom Tailors'
Union, occupied the chair at the meeting of the
Clothing Trades Section last night.

A committee appointed to confer with the clothing-cutters on the subject of representation in the
Clothing Trades Section will report in two weeks.

The Gotham Knife-Cutters' Association announce
that it will aid the Fortuna Association of Cutters
and Grinders by giving their work to its members.

The matter of resistating the New York Labor The matter of reinstating the New York Labor Club in the Ciothing Trades Section of the Central Labor Union has been referred to the Organization Committee of that section.

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The Financial Secretary of the Clothing Trades
Section has been notified that unless he attends the
metrings of that body his office will be declared
vacant and a successor elected.

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The Shoe-Workers' Protective Union reports trade and organization progressing. Its members will organize the employees of two of the targest shops in the city, and will also take steps to organize the shoe-workers of Washington, N. J.

The Secretary of the Clothing Trades Section has been instructed to send to the Central Labor Union all the documents and correspondence relating to the dimenty between the Washington Association of Shoemakers and the Shoe-Workers' Protective Union. The Washington Association protested against the admission of delegates of the Shoe-Workers' Union in the Clothing Trades Section.

Following is a list of the names of the committee of the Central Labor Union having charge of the entertainments in aid of the striking miners: Patrick J. Haybyrne, Chairman; John O'Shea, Vice-Chairman; John Rose, Secretary; william K. Hotchkias, Treasurer; Nicholas Nicola, William Sheehy, Simon Gompers, William M. Forbush and George McVey. Talent has been volunteered from Mr. Pastor's company. Other professionals will take part in the concerts.

Emil Paul, proprietor of the Gridiron, 470 Sixth avenue, was arrested at 1.30 o'clock this morning or violating the Excise law. Policeman Petrosino and that he entered the place and found a lot of men drinking there. He did not buy any liquor, but tasted the dregs of a glass there. Faul was held in \$100 ball at the Jefferson Market Police Court for examination on Feb. 24.

A Queer Idea of Marriage. Lena Unger was arraigned in Special Se this morning on a charge of shoplifting in Ridley's. Her lawyer pleaded that she was insane.

"What insane act did she commit recently?" asked Justice Smith of a witness who was testifying to her insanity.
"She got married," answered the witness.
"Ten days in the city prison," was the sen-

A Panic in a Hotel. Francis J. Muttler, a cracker salesmap, of \$63 Delancey street, was fined \$10 in the Tombs Police Court this morning for shouting "Fire!" in the Occidental Hotel, where 100 men were asleep. He greated a small panic in the notel.

HAS JOSEF BROKEN DOWN?

DOCTORS SAY THAT HE IS STRONG AND HEALTHY.

fanager Schoeffel Says That the Elder Hofmann Has Been Bought Off and Wants to Manage the Boy Himself-Mr. Abbey's Profits Alleged to be \$135,000, but Mr. Schoeffel Says They Are Small

Prof. Lambert's parlor, at 125 East Twentyseventh street, is at once the playground and reception-room for little Josef Hofman, the musical prodigy. The walls and mantel and the top of the grand piano are covered with fine photographs of great lights of the literary world, who have sent them as tributes to a fellow-genius, and bric-a-brac lie around in heedless profusion.

When an Evening World reporter was ushered into this room at 9 o'clock this morning, its only occupant was the little wonder himself.

Josef was looking at a large photograph of his friend, Mme. Modjeska, on which he had just written a few bars of music and his autograph.

Having placed the picture on the mantel and surveyed it admiringly, he shook hands with the reporter and wished him goodnorning. He was dressed in the same black

knfekerbocker suit and black silk stockings, made so familiar in his pictures by Sarony, and looked cheerful and happy.

He showed the reporter an autograph he had just received from Teresina Tua, and then amused himself by firing paper shots about the room from a catapault made of elastic bands.

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Having ascertained by inquiry that the reporter did not speak French, he answered questions in German.

"I feel pretty well, but I'm tired," he said.
"Don't you want to play any more?"

"No: I would like to have a long rest—a very long rest. Then I want to go to school and study music and harmony."

"Then you don't want to be with Abbey any more?"

"No: Mr. Abbey has taken all my clothes and nearly all my toys. He took my handkerchiefs and my nightahirts, and I had to borrow a handkerchief from Mr. Sternberger."

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At this point Mr. Casimir Hofmann entered the room. He said very earnestly that he was quite determined not to recede from the position taken in his letter to Mr. Abbey Saturday night.

"I got a notice to be at the Windsor Hotel at 10.30 this morning, so that my boy could go to Wooster to play, but I shall pay no attention to it. The boy is not well enough. He has been too hard worked and he will surely break down. Mr. Abbey is only looking for money. I am a father and my boy's life is more to me than anything.

"Mr. Abbey owes me \$1.400 for the last four concerts, which he ought to have paid me a week ago. The public do not know how little I received and how great has been Mr. Abbey's profit.

"There were fifty-two concerts given, and the net profit on each was \$3,000. That is over \$150,000. Out of that I received only \$15,000, of which I had to pay my agents, Messrs. Wolf & Vert \$6,500. So I only got from the fifty-two concerts \$8,500.

"My motives in refusing to let Josef play are above question. If I had given my consent when the Mayor made the inquiry three weeks ago the boy would have been stopped from playing then. But I thought he was well and I said so.

"Now I know he cannot stand the strain. When he came home from one of the concerts last week he threw himself in his mother's arms and burst into tears, saying the work tired him yery much."

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He said he was not afraid of the issue of the suit. He and the boy would stay in the city till the matter was settled. He had no idea of running away.

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The conclusion arrived at by Drs. Louis A. Sayre, Austin Flint and Allan McLean Hamilton, as a result of an examination of the boy held at 285 Fifth avenue last evening, is that little Josef is as well as he ever was.

Dr. Sayre was seen by an Evening World reporter this morning. He said: "Josef Hofmann is a healthy, strong and sturdy boy. He has positively no organic disease. His brain, heart, liver, kidneys, bladder and lungs are all right.

"His logs and arms are as strong as a man's. He weighs seven pounds more than he did when he began his series of concerts. I make this statement as an impartial medical man. I like the boy and take a great interest in him.

"I can't understandfMr. Hofmann's present position if what he says now is true. He must have lied to me formerly. He used to say the boy took to the piano as a bee to a flower or a bird to the air: that the concerts were his play, pleasure and recreation, and that he would be sick if he was prevented from playing.

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"He talks of the boy being overworked, but the fact ig it was he himself who arranged the programmes and decided how frequently the concerts should be held.

"Mr. Abbey and I often urged him to be more careful, but he said the boy was all right."

The doctors will make a formal report to

The doctors will make a formal report to Mr. Abbey this evening.
Mr. Schoeffel, of Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau,
denied Mr. Hofmann's statement that Mr.
Abbey had refused to pay the Windsor Hotel

Abbey had refused to pay the Windsor Hotel bills.

"We hesitated to pay them until we had levied the attachment, but we shall pay them now. There is only one week's board owing, anyhow.

"The \$1,400 which Mr. Hofmann says we owe him for the last four concerts is not due until the end of the month. It is payable, not to Mr. Hofmann, but to Mr. Wolff.

"The statement of Mr. Hofmann that Mr. Abbey netted \$3,000 profit from each concert is absurd. The gross receipts averaged only \$2,700 or \$2,800. only \$2,700 or \$2,800. "Besides Mr. Hofmann's share of that we

had to pay the board, wine and carriage bills of the whole Hofmann family and their friends, besides railway expenses, special cars, advertising and the salaries of advance

cars, advertising and the salaries of advance and other agents.

"I know," continued Mr. Schoeffel, "that this is a put-up job. Mr. Hofmann has been bought off. He has got his eye on that \$50,000 which Mr. Bonner or some other rich gentleman has offered him.

"He is very careful and even penurious in money matters, and he would not throw up this concert unless he had other money in prospect.

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"Our profit was a question of the future. So far we have paid out as much as we have received. It is very likely that Mr. Hofmann wants to manage the boy himself and take the whole receipts. I am sure that if the boy had his own way he would go on playing.

"That boy is as strong as an ox. Mr. Edmund C. Stanton, of the Metropolitan Opera-House, is something of an athlete, but Josef surprised him.

"When the boy was down at the Mayor's office I said to Mr. Stanton:

"You consider yourself a strong man, but you can't hold that little fellow."

"Mr. Stanton tried to hold the boy, but Josef threw up his arms and broke easily from his grasp."

FRESHET AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

Piers Covered, Cellars Flooded and Factory

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 21.—There is a freshet in the Raritan River, and the piers and lowlands north and south of the city are submerged.

The ice broke up at an early hour with a terrific roar, and as the big cakes floated down and were jammed in the bends below the city the back rush flooded the piers, submerged the lock gates and canal tow-path and carried great cakes of ice upon the wharves, and jammed them with injurious effect against

jammed them with injurious effect against frame structures.

Every cellar along Burnett street was filled. The highest point was reached by the water at 5 A. M., when it stood three feet above high-tide mark on the wharves. Fires were extinguished in several factory furnaces, and manufacturers along the canal front were conveited to shut down. compelled to shut down.

The submerged telephone wires between this city and Bound Brook and Plainfield were injured by the ice.

Dock owners anticipated the freshet and saved considerable perishable stock.

MOUNT VERNON'S SUFFERERS.

Plenty of Food and Clothing But a Scarcity of Cash Contributions.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.] MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Feb. 21.-The citizens' committee have arranged to have forwarded from Evansville immediately a sufficient number of tents for the use of familie rendered homeless by the cyclone.

The Airline and the Louisville and Nashville have made special arrangements to to transport those who may choose to go to friends and relations in neighboring towns. Gov. Oglesby is debating upon the advisa-bility of issuing a proclamation calling for

aid.

There is plenty of clothing and food on hand, and the dealers of Mount Vernon have come forward in an open-handed manner with substantial contributions. Money contributions are all that is needed to shelter the homeless and allay the sufferings of the wounded.

IT MAY BE A CIRCUS.

The Republicans May Have Some Fun at Their Meeting To-Night.

The Republican County Committee will meet to-night in Grand Opera-House Hall. There may be some fun, and possibly a circus over an amendment to the constitution proposing to abolish the article which prohibits an office-holder under Democratic patronage to be a member of the County Committee.

Leroy B. Crane, who has been carrying on an unsuccessful war against Leader Frank Raymond in the Twenty-third District, says that the amendment has been proposed in Raymond's interest, as he is one of the clerks of the City Court, which now has six Democratic justices and not a single Republican justice. The friends of Frank Raymond are calling Leroy B. Crane a crank, and are ridiculing his assertion.

Crane insists that Raymond is being retained in the City Court by a deal which he was a party to at the last election.

Mr. Raymond denies that he has been reappointed to office. "I am here," he removed." There may be some fun, and possibly a circus

A MODERN COLOMBO'S DISCOVERY.

If You Hold Blasting Primers Over a Fire They Generally Explode.

Nicolo Colombo, an Italian ragpicker, who lives with his wife and two children and 125 other Italians in the rear tenement at 65 Mulberry street, nearly blew himself into eternity at 11.30 this morning and then was arrested for it.

He says he found ten bunches of blasting primers in Jersey City and did not know

in Jersey primers in Jersey City and did not know what they were. The latter part of his story is easy to believe, for the copper wire with which the fuses were made tempted him, and he tried to burn off the linen twine covering at a little fire which he built in the sixteen

feet square door yard.

John Lesalli and eleven other Italians were
interested in the operation till the first bunch
of fifty primers exploded and tore out a win-

of fifty primers exploded and tore out a wing, dow under which Colombo was working. They polka-dotted Colombo all over with incised wounds and tore his clothing off.

Lesalli was wounded under the left eye and on the neck and side. He complained at the Elizabeth street station, and Detectives Christol and Young arrested Colombo, who was hidden in a room on the third floor.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET.

Richmond Terminal Jumps and Carries the Market Along.

The stock market showed a drooping tendency this morning until Richmond Terminal suddenly took an upward start. The preferred jumped : took an upward start. The preferred jumped 3 points and the common over a point. The rest of the list railied in sympathy, but there was not much disposition to trade, as business will be suspended at all the Exchanges to-morrow.

The stockholders of the Louisville & Nashville have authorized the issue of \$5,000,000 new stock, part of which will be used in payment of the scrip dividend recommended by the directors at their January meeting.

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Fire in Christopher Street.

Fire at 10 Christopher street at 11 o'clock this morning caused a loss of \$2,000. E. E. Smith, carpenter, lest \$500, and Lawrence Mulry, feed dealer, \$200. The building was damaged to the amount of

Could Not Account for the Bundle,

In the Jefferson Market Police Court this morn

ing John Murray was held in \$1,500 ball on a charge

of having in his possession a bundle of stolen clothing. He could not account for the bundle. Harry be thy dreams becomes a realistic fact

FIRE.

A Sugar Baron Squirming on the Rack.

Persistent Efforts to Preserve the Secrets of the Trust.

H. O. Havemeyer Denies That He Was Scolded for His Testimony Yesterday-No Papers, He Says, to be Concenled-Col. Bliss Shows the Absurdity of Some of the Statements-Will an Effort be Made to Commit Lawyer Parsons for Refusing to Answer ?

The baiting of the Sugar Trust bull was continued this morning in the arena selected yesterday, the room of Part II., of the Superior Court.

The bull had been made only more defiant by the sharp darts which had pierced its thick hide yesterday, and was in a splendid condition for a brilliant attack by Toreador Blinn.

Seven goblets of water and cracked ice were ranged in a row on the judge's desk. "This is very suggestive," remarked Sens-

tor Coggeshall, as the display caught his eye. 'That's not the regular Albany tipple, and I generally drink my water hot as a cure for

generally drink my water hot as a cure for dyspepsia."

Yesterday's investigation had failed to secure the production of the original trust agreement. Henry O. Havemeyer refused to produce it, because Lawyer John E. Parsons had it in his possession, and the latter avoiding its production by shielding himself with the question of professional privilege.

Mr. Parsons challenged his commitment for contempt and Col. Bliss when asked this morning if the challenge would be accepted smiled significantly and remarked that the developments of the case would answer that question.

Henry O. Havemeyer was recalled to the stand this morning, and Col. Bliss began to work the pump.

swer.
Senator Arnoid—The committee direct Mr. Have-meyer to answer.
The Witness—For the reasons stated I respect-fully refuse. The witness said that there were no formal meetings of the Trust Board. The active officers of the several corporations interested owned about two-thirds of the stock, and they

owned about two-thirds of the stock, and they meet every day.

Q. When they ''feet'' of each other? A. When they feel the sense of the meeting.

Q. What certificate holders, not a member of the Board, was present at any meeting when another company was taken into the trust? A. That I consider a private matter and will not answer unless compelled by the committee.

Mr. Havermeyer mentioned the name of Counsellor John R. Dos Passos.

Mr. Havermeyer here interposed with the proposition that the certificate-holders, and not the Board of Trustees, controlled the

Col. Bliss-That's what you say now. You did not say so yesterday.

The witness—I deny that.
Q. Have you not been remonstrated with with reference to your testimony yesterday? A. No

sir.
Q. Did not Theodore Havemeyer tell you in this very room yesterday that you had "given the whole thing away?" A. That is preposterous, and you know it.
Mr. Parsons (*otto voce)—The ears of cavesdroppers are sometimes too long.

on the side of the opposition. Theodore Havemeyer rose to protest. The few hairs on Mr. Dos Passo's head stood up with an air of defiance, and Mr. Parsons's frozen smile disappeared.

Mr. Havemeyer stated that there is no way to control the sugar market. "If we could we probably would. We do the best we can to rather appears for control to the sugar market.

to make money for ourselves in our econo-mies," he continued, "The raw sugar mar-ket cannot be controlled." The wirness went on to make out that the trust is indirectly a public benefactor, as it has put the price of sugar down since the combination.

Q. How is that? A. In England there has been

Mr. Havemeyer objected to the terms trusts and combinations, and asked Col. Bliss to refer to it as the Board.

We are trying to make a living.

Col. Bliss insisted on answers to his questions while the witness proposed to testify in his own way. He became very much worked up over his inability to have his own way and accused Col. Bliss of "prosecuting, testifying and everything else,"

Col. Bliss closely cross-examined the witness and showed him how ridiculous the statement was that a business of \$45,000,000 central is conducted at informal and central is conducted at informal and central central

capital is conducted at informal and casual meetings in Havemeyers & Elder's office, of which no record is kept. Mr. Havemeyer corrected his statement

that Mr. Searle is Secretary, and said that he

work the pump.

Q. What proportion of the shares of the trust
was owned by the stockholders in the refinery that
was burned? A. That is a purely private matter
and, under instruction of counsel, I refuse to an-

The Committee directed an answer, and

This question of Col. Bliss's created a stir

an advance of one cent a pound here has been but baif a cent. Col. Bliss—A queer reduction.

Q. Board of what? A. Simply board. Q. Board and living, isn't it? A. We are trying to make a living.

is also Tressurer.

Senator Coggeshall—Is there any official record of the proceedings of this Board? A. There is nothing on books or paper.

Col. Bliss—Then there were no books or memoranda to be got out of the way when this investigation was ordered? A. This Board was simply of an advisory character, and had no need of a record. I kept memoranda myself.

Senator ives—Where are the memoranda? A. They were of no particular use to me—not official—and I destroyed them.

Senator ives—When you asked Mr. Parsons for that agreement yesterday did you want him to give it to you? A. Personsky I did. I had no objection to its production, but deferred to the wishes of others in interest.

Senator ives—Had not Mr. Parsons refused to give it to you? A. I had my suspicions that he wouldn't give it to me. (Laughter.)

Mr. Havemeyer, in answer to Senator Lin-

wouldn't give it to me. (Laughter.)

Mr. Havemeyer, in answer to Senator Linson, said that 85 per cent. of the sugar industry of the United States is in the control of the Board.

The investigation here developed into a discussion of the tariff.

In answer to a question of Senator Arnold the witness said that the withdrawal of the tariff on sugar would result in the destruction of the industry in the United States, when the people of this country would have to get their sugar from England and the price would probably be raised.

This roused Senator Linson (Dem.) to ask how much more the American pays for sugar than the Englishman. The witness an swered, "Two and five-eighths cents per pound."

Senator Coggestall (Rep.) could not let the discussion and showed that the

pound."
Senator Coggeshall (Rep.) could not let the discussion rest here and showed that the refinery laborers of the United States received wages 100 per cent. better than their English beethers.

The cross fire of questions was leading the

FISHING IN PLEASANT WATERS. ncle Sam and Miss Canada Find Out Hou Well They Like Each Other

committee from the object of its investiga-tion, and Chairman Arnold said that the dis-Mr. Parsons objected to its limitation, say.

ing that the question of labor was directly involved.

The drop in the English market, the witness said, caused the combination to keep prices down. Senator Arnold-What has been the profit of the

Senator Arnold—What has been the profit of the combination since its formation? A. There has been no profit, and I am confident that there will be none if this Legislative and Congressional disturbance over our affairs continues.

Senator Arnold—What is the result of this legislative consideration of trusts? A. It demoralizes trade and stagnates business. If it were not for our combination? Sper cent, of the workingmen at present employed in refineries would be walking in the snow, and they may be yet if this continues. We have been invited to leave this State already, and we may do so.

Before leaving the grand Mr. Manner.

Before leaving the stand Mr. Havemeyer paid his compliments to Claus Spreckels.

George H. Moller, of the North River Sugar Refining Company, was next called, and said that, with a capital of \$350,000, they sold out to John E. Searle, jr., last December for \$350,000.

ber for \$350,000.

At first Mr. Moller said that he would not go into the combination, because the North River, he thought, did not get enough of the trust certificates.

The North River was down for \$750,000, the Havemeyers & Elder between \$16,000,-000 and \$17,000,000; Madison & Meaker, \$6,500,000; Dick & Meyer, \$3,000,000; Moller & Lieb, \$1,150,000, De Castro, \$3,000,000; Oxnard, \$750,000; Standard, of Boston, \$2,900,000; Boston, \$1,900,000; Bay State, \$900,000. trust certificates.

Q. How was the combination to be effected? A. Our stock was to be given to a committee of trust composed of John E. Parsons and John R. Das-Passos, of New York, and Francis Bartlett, of Botton, lawyers, and they were to give us certificates. Q. What has been the result of the combination on the market? A. There has not been so much life in it since. No competition, and the price of sugar has risen.

At a suggestion from Chairman Arnold, Mr. Moder said that the combination might con trol the raw-sugar business of the country, but it would not be to their advantage to do this.

The original capitalization of the trust was

\$50,000,000, 15 per cent, of which was to be retained in the treasury to take in other reineries.

Col. Bliss showed that the witness's property had been condemned for a public park Congressman Tim Campbell's—and that despite this fact and the fact that the company would go out of business, \$325,000 had been paid for its stock.

CHASTISED BY WOMEN. Patrick Delchanty Meets with No Sympathy from Justice Power.

Patrick Delehanty, a middle-aged man, employed in a fruit store on Reade street and coarding at 516 Canal street, was complain ant at the Tombs this morning against two young women, Mrs. Kate Tierney and her sister, Lizzie Murphy, of 474 Greenwich

sister, Lizzie Murphy, of 472 Greenwich street.

Delehanty said that the two women, whom he had never seen before, and about a dozen others, called him out of the restaurant where he boarded, threw him down in the gutter, dragging him through the slush and mud, and pelted him with ice balls.

The defendants said that Delehanty insulted Lizzie six weeks ago.

'Last night I was passing the restaurant," Mrs. Tierney continued, "when Delehanty in a leering sort of a way said, 'Ah, there!' I gave him a piece of my mind. Delehanty then struck me in the face and my sister Lizzie hit him with a snowball. The neighbors who saw the occurrence took a hand

then struck me in the face and my sister Lizzie hit him with a snowball. The neigh-bors who saw the occurrence took a hand and doused him in the gutter." Justice Power directed Mrs. Tierney to make a complaint of assault against Delehanty and held the latter. The women were dis-

charged. Thinks She Was Polsoned. Flora Barnet', aged twenty-nine, died at 78 Divi-tion street early this morning and Dr. G. Sreskallo, of 53 Luciow atreet, who had attended her, re-ported to the police that he thought she had been

poisoned.

A person living on the first floor of the same house said that for some months a young man had been visiting her. Dr. Conway, Coroner Messemer's physician, will make the autoney to-day, the neighbors believe that Fiora died from natural Partner Bissell in Town. W. S. Bissell, President Clevelands law part ner, arrived at the Hoffman House this morning, encompered with a travelling satchel, an umbrella and a heavy waiking-stick, and followed at an interval of time by two trunks. Mr. Bissell winked gravely to the clerk and went upstairs. He did not register. Neither would he see any one. Lobby lotterers puzzled themselves greatly over the apparent mystery of Mr. Bissell's visit to New York.

Mrs. Langtry Is Better To-Day.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Langury is better this forning, though she had not risen at 11 o'clock, Charles Coghian called at the car just before teat hour to inquire for her, and the maid reported a rood night.

Suicide of a Truck Driver. The suicide of John Meeneling, aged twenty-three, a truck driver who shot himself in the right emple at his residence, \$10 East Eighth street, was reported at the Coroner-' office to-day. Fell Into a Itole in the Street.

A horse, cart and load of coal belonging to sames Clyne, of Columbia and Harrison street, Brooklyn, feit into an excavation on Eighth avenue, near Thirteenth street, last evening. The hole was made by a sewer caving in. NEVER before has the cigarette market exhibited so much activity as since the introduction of the TURKISH CROSS-CUT CIGARETES.

RUINED BY WATER

PRICE ONE CENT.

Disastrous Floods in Western Massachusetts.

Bridges Swept Away and Houses and Factories Damaged.

Havor Wrought by the Swellen Waters of the Quabong River-Mendows Overflowed. Roads Washed Out, Telegraph Lines Torn Down and Travel Impeded-A Storm Unprecedented in the Annals of Palmer-Cellars Flooded and the Foundations of Houses Loosened.

PALMER, Mass., Feb. 21.—The rain storm which began Sunday night did an immense mount of damage to property throughout

this section of Western Massachusetts, Rain has poured incessantly since that time until its discontinuance at an early hour this norning. The rain storm was accompanied by wind, which has blown violently.

The streams have risen rapidly. The torm is generally conceded to be unprecedented in the annals of the town, and crowds of people remained out last night to witness the destructive work of the flood and protect the property as best they could. The usually placid waters of the Quabour

leys and upon which the manufacturers in many places are dependent to turn the wheels of their mills, has overflowed its banks. For five miles in the immediate vicinity everything is inundated within the reach.

River, which wends its way through the val-

The meadows have given way to the water, which is several feet deep. The Quabong is clogged with ice, piled up in some places to a height of 30 feet. At a late hour this morning the water was

still rising at the rate of two and one-half inches per hour. The dwelling-houses located on River street which runs parallel with the Quaboag River, are a sight worth seeing. The cellars contain five feet of water, which in some instances has weakened the foundations upon which the structures stand. In these cellars

are stored provisions which the owners can not very well afford to lose. The outbuildings, barns, chicken-coops and pigpens which were located in the rear of these houses between the river and Water

street were submerged. The factory of J. S. Holden & Co., woollen manufacturers, located in that vicinity, is almost entirely surrounded by water. The finishing room at an early hour this morning contained 7 feet of water, which has greatly damaged the fine, finished woollens, besides the machinery and other contents. Supt. Fuller, who was seen by THE EVEN-

ING WORLD representative, states that he was

in the mill about 1 o'clock this morning to

save and protect the contents when the water

burst the large folding doors of the finishing

room door open with great force, and inundated everything in a very short time. He managed to save the books, money and other raluable documents. In close proximity to this factory is located large covered bridge, over which trains on the New London Railroad pass and under which flows the Quaboag. This was lifted from its solid foundation by the angry waters at 1 o'clock last night and weshed

away. It lies a distance of about 200 feet from its original location. The bridge will

from its original location. The bridge will be rebuilt in a few days.

The lines of the Western Union Telegraph Company are down in different localities, while several poles belonging to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company have been washed away.

The bridge at Three livers, and also Burgigh's bridge, over which the New London Northern Railroad runs, have been weakened and are unsafe for trains to pass. The former has been moved from its position over two inches, and some fears are entertained by Road Master Shanks that it will be suppt away unless the water subsides and gives the ice a passage.

ice a passage.

The tracks of this road in some places are also washed badly. The section men remained on guard at the bridges last night to prevent any accident to the early morning

trains.

At Blanchardville the flood has entirely washed away the bridge over the Quaboag River used by teams and pedestrians.

The foundations under some of the buildings owned by the Fay Rubber Company have also been weakened and washed away. The storm has caved in an embankment on the Boston and Albany road in that vicinity, covering the tracks up and r impeding travel for a short time. Fair, Colder and Windy.

WASHINGTON, Peb IL.—
Weather indications for twenty-four hours, beginning at 3 P. M. to day:
For Con nuclicut—
Colder, fair tweather
fresh to brick westerly
winds, diminishing in
force.

For Eastern New York -Colder, fuir weather; tight to fresh erly teinds, becoming variable.

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